

## SECRET IN LUGGAGE OF LADY ASTOR

It's Baby Perambulator Which  
She Is Sending to South-  
ern Friend.

## SHE MAKES MANY GIFTS

Viscount and Viscountess Are  
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John  
W. Garrett at Reception.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
BALTIMORE, April 23.—At last the secret of that mysterious looking piece of luggage among the scores of trunks and bags brought over from England by Lady Astor has been cleared. The odd looking object is a baby's "pram," as the distinguished feminine member of the British House of Commons calls it. The perambulator is intended as a present to one of Lady Astor's lifelong friends with whom she expects to stop after visiting at her old home in Virginia.

The "pram" is on its way from New York to its Southern destination with boxes of gifts for Lady Astor's family and friends.

The Pan-American Conference delegates had a quiet day, many of them going to church and more than 150 of the official representatives attending a reception at 5 o'clock given by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Garrett.

Mr. Garrett was at one time Minister to Argentina and was secretary-general to the Washington commercial conference. Mrs. Garrett's guests included Mrs. Wirt Dexter of Boston, Mrs. Stanley McCormick, Mrs. James Parker, Mrs. Frank Roosevelt, Mrs. Richmond Fearing of Boston and the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton, who came over with Lady Astor.

Among the guests also were Baltimore hostesses, who have been entertaining the foreign delegates; Mrs. Robert Garrett, whose husband is a brother of John W. Garrett; Gov. Ritchie of Maryland, Newcomb Carlton and a group of New York women delegates including Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Mrs. Lewis Laidlaw, Mrs. Raymond Brown and Mrs. Frank Schuler.

There will be half a dozen special conferences to-morrow morning at the Belvedere before the actual work of the convention gets under way.

In the afternoon the delegates will go to Annapolis to be entertained at the Mansion House by Gov. Ritchie and his mother.

Lady Astor has not decided whether she will go to the Naval Academy and the Governor's tea.

On Tuesday Lady Astor will leave here at 9:30 A. M. in Mr. Newcomb Carlton's private car for New York city to deliver an address at the Associated Press luncheon at the Waldorf.

She expects to return in time for an evening session of the conference on "Why is the high cost of living still with us?"

President Harding has been invited to be at the convention, but no official reply to the invitation has been received so far, according to Mrs. Richard Edwards, vice-president of the league.

**BANK CLERK ENDS LIFE  
AND VACATION BY SHOT**

Former Navy Man Had Come  
Here From Michigan.

Philip W. Von Houten, 22, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was found dead in bed last night at the Claridge, Broadway and Forty-third street. A bullet had gone through his heart and a revolver lay beside him. The police, after an investigation, said he had committed suicide.

Von Houten registered at the Claridge on April 17 as Guy Biddle, of Honolulu, in company with another man who said he was William Billingshurst of Muskegon, Mich. Billingshurst said last night that Von Houten was a bank clerk in Grand Rapids and had come to New York for his vacation. He said that the man had been ill all afternoon, and that he went out at 8 o'clock last night to get some food. When he returned, he said, he found Von Houten dead in bed.

Billingshurst said that Von Houten formerly lived in Philadelphia and had an account with the Franklin Trust Company there. He was discharged from the navy as a first class yeoman on September 22, 1921. His address in Grand Rapids was given as 2697 Voorhes avenue.

**SEPTEMBER 19 IS SET  
FOR FALL PRIMARIES**

Registration Days Here Are to  
Be October 9-14.

ALBANY, April 23.—General election day this year falls on November 7, and the fall primaries will be held on September 19, according to the political calendar issued to-day by Secretary of State Lyons.

Registration days in New York city will be October 9 to 14, inclusive. With the exception of the Franklin Trust Company there, he was discharged from the navy as a first class yeoman on September 22, 1921. His address in Grand Rapids was given as 2697 Voorhes avenue.

In municipalities of more than 5,000 inhabitants, except New York, the dates for personal registration are October 13, 14, 20 and 21.

September 27 is the earliest date on which State and judicial conventions may be held. October 2 has been fixed as the last day for filing nominations, October 8 is the last day for filing declarations and October 19 is the last day on which new nominations may be held.

**LURES THREE CHILDREN  
AWAY; DESERTS THEM**

Man Leaves Little Girl Far  
From Home Late at Night.

Frances Bodesky, aged 8, daughter of Isidore Bodesky of 1 Monticmore place, The Bronx, and two little boys known to the police only as Leonard and Raphael, were taken to a Tremont avenue car last night by a man unknown to them, who offered them \$5 each if they would "help him hunt his dog."

The children were taken to 225th street and White Plains avenue, The Bronx, where the man sent the little boys off in one direction, and went in another with the girl.

This was about 8 o'clock, and at 10:30 Leonard and Raphael returned home and found that nothing had been seen of Frances. The police were notified, and neighbors joined in a search party after the child when the police found her wandering about near White Plains avenue and 225th street. The detectives have sent out a general alarm for the man accused of luring the kids away.

## FEARER OF VEGETARIANS, KNEESKIRTS, CUT HAIR, ET AL.

And They Smoke Cigarettes, Too, Says Canton Revolutionist on Visit Here—They're Good Girls, but Silly, He Adds.

"Oh, yes, we have in China those young girls who are not quite yet women and whom you call 'flappers.' But they do not let them worry us, for they are all very good girls," was the reply to a question, made through an interpreter from Columbia University, of Leung to Jin, secretary to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, leader of the revolutionists of southern China, who is visiting this country. Mr. Leung explained just how the "flapper wave" had hit China recently, saying:

"We have recently noticed the large number of our very young women, little more than children, who have cut their hair and employ some method to make it stand out from the head. And also they have shortened their dress, like the American custom, and cigarettes are being smoked by them—at home but not publicly. However, we do not let that worry us much, for they are good girls but silly."

To the unofficial diplomat of Sun Yat Sen's cabinet, who at the age of 31 is the editor in chief of the daily Wu Che Pao of Canton, his first glimpse of the wonders of New York city was not a great surprise or a novelty.

"We have sixteen story buildings in Canton," he said, "and they will soon be built higher. Another remarkable thing is the democratic spirit that seems to be in every one. Each person goes along so easily and is always ready to smile."

Sitting in his rooms in the McAlpin, Mr. Leung told just how Dr. Sun Yat Sen intends to attack the army of the recognized Chinese Republic and, with 30,000 picked men, will attempt to overthrow what he terms a "man-be-be-republic." He even went on to name in detail the plans for the uprising and also the names of the republicans who are counted on to go over to Sun Yat Sen.

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## 7 HELD, 5 SUMMONED AS RUM VIOLATORS

Trusting Walter Is Fooled by  
Fake Actors—Drug Store  
Owners Accused.

Prohibition enforcement agents visited drug stores, restaurants and saloons yesterday afternoon and last night, making seven arrests and serving five summonses on proprietors, waiters and clerks to appear before the United States Commissioner on charges of violating the Volstead act. One of the places visited was the Abbey Inn, at Fort Washington avenue and 193rd street, where the agents served summonses on the manager, Hugo Schoener of 545 West 193rd street; the cashier, Rudolph Kratner, and a waiter, John Ritter of 2136 La Fontaine street, The Bronx. The agents said that Ritter sold them whiskey at \$1.35 a drink.

Eddie Weston, a waiter in a restaurant at 244 West Forty-sixth street, was arrested by three enforcement agents who posed as a vaudeville trio just in from Chicago. They said that Weston listened to their appeal and sold liquor to them. Weston was locked up when the three enforcement agents left.

Agents Baldwin, Potter and Strauss went to the Comto Restaurant, 472 Lafayette street, and arrested Joseph Conte, owner of the place, and Charles Guitabono of 267 West Twenty-second street. They were charged with selling wine. These agents also visited the drug stores of Robert Levine at 226 Broome street and Samuel Harkavy at 123 Broome street. They arrested both owners for selling alcohol.

Agents McCoy and Koehler reported that during the afternoon they visited three saloons and arrested or served summonses upon five men to appear before the Commissioner. At 61 West Fourteenth street they arrested John Armstrong and his partner, Joseph Paul Garrick of 430 East Fifteenth street. At the saloon of James Ryan and Michael Murphy at 232 West Thirtieth street, they served both Ryan and Murphy with summonses, and at 248 Tenth avenue they served Henry J. Propp, the owner, with a summons.

**CRY OF 'BOOTLEGGERS'  
STIRS ORANGE VOTERS**

'Too Many in City Hall' Slogan  
in Registration Drive.

Municipal politics have begun to sizzle in Orange, N. J., and they will almost reach the boiling point to-morrow when the voters will register for the city elections on May 9. All factions are making strenuous efforts to get out for registration the 4,000 voters who are eligible to register or vote at the last election, and so much interest is being taken in the fight that it is expected the names of all of the 10,000 eligible voters will be on the books when registration ends.

The three Commissioners who control the city affairs, Mayor William A. Lord, Isaac Sheinthal and George Roach, have issued a campaign newspaper called the Orange Dispatch, which attacked the records of the minority Commissioners, Frank J. Murray and William P. Kearney, the two of whom recently told the people that the City Hall in Orange was full of bootleggers, that he could not go there without falling over them and that the Mayor had defended them.

The Mayor retorted that it was more than a year ago that he had appeared as counsel for some saloon keepers and bartenders. Most of the opposition to the present Commissioners appears to be directed again Mr. Sheinthal.

**50 MEETINGS IN DAY  
TO CHECK DETROIT RUM**

Haynes Denies Prohibition  
Fails at One Gathering.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
DETROIT, April 23.—Prohibition advocates and officials who are enforcing the law made a plan for the cooperation of the citizens who believe in law enforcement, regardless of their private interests in fifty mass meetings held in Detroit churches to-day.

Roy A. Haynes, Commissioner of Prohibition, was the speaker at the largest gathering, in the North Woodward Methodist Church. He denied prohibition was a failure, admitted the law could not be enforced 100 per cent., said that by propaganda in the press and on the platform best results could be obtained, and denounced that portion of the American press which carried articles intended to create the impression the prohibition law had failed.

Commissioner Haynes said this country leads the way to a great moral reform, which eventually would benefit mankind throughout the world.

**LABOR BODIES JOIN WETS.**

The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment announced that the following labor organizations will appear in a body at the mass meeting of the association to be held at Madison Square Garden May 2: Central Checkers of the Longshoremen, No. 874; Fur Workers Union, No. 59; Carpenters Union, No. 108; Fur Workers, No. 11; Carpenters, No. 100; Plumbers, No. 342; United Automobile, Aircraft and Vehicle Workers of America, No. 49; Butchers, No. 174; United Weighers of the Longshoremen, No. 87; Lighter Captains, No. 198; and Expressmen's Union.

**METHODISTS ORDAIN  
8 DEACONS, 14 ELDERS**

Committee to Consider Wesley  
Foundation at Yale.

MEMPHIS, Conn., April 23.—At the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church being held here Bishop Luther B. Wilson of the New York area ordained eight deacons and fourteen elders of the church to-day.

Those ordained as deacons are Howard W. Benedict, Wallingford; Leslie G. Davis, New York; William F. Davis, Jr., Brooklyn; Edward L. Frost, Jr., Jamaica; Asa G. Fuller, Yonkers; Edwin A. Hartney, New York; Leland B. Henry, New York; and Herbert K. Robinson, Bayville.

Those ordained as elders are Albert B. Beville, Bayville; Theodore C. Bolin, Orient, N. Y.; Frederick P. Corson, Jackson Heights, N. Y.; Leslie G. Davis, New York; Philip G. Dodd, West Hartford; Donald H. Dorchester, Waterville; J. Wesley Gillette, Bayport; Bartley J. Hartman, New York; Fred B. Newell, New York; Fred J. Plepew, New Milford; Herbert K. Robinson, Bayville; John H. Robinson, Bayville; N. Y.; Eugene W. Shrigley, Woodbury, N. Y.; and William E. Stone, New Milford.

The following committee was named to consider the advisability of establishing a Wesley Foundation in New Haven in connection with Yale University: The Rev. Dr. J. P. Bell, New Haven; William North, Esq., president emeritus of Wesleyan Middlebury; L. H. Dorchester, Hartford; D. G. Downey, Cincinnati; and Chester C. Marshall, Bridgeport.

**CARDINAL O'CONNELL  
GETS WARM WELCOME**

William Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, who arrived in Rome a day too late to take part in the conclave that elected Pope Pius XI, returned yesterday by the Ste. Marie, from Arabia after spending a large part of his three months absence in observing conditions, religious and otherwise, in Europe.

He was greeted by a large delegation of the Massachusetts clergy, and a crowd of several conferences with the Pope, whom he described as a "manly man, not a bureaucrat, who would neither be flattered nor lax, one of those rare souls that can be plain and not intolerant." The Cardinal prophesied that the Pope would leave a "record of substantial accomplishment, not spectacular peripatetic, but genuine."

European churchmen, the Cardinal found, were somewhat depressed, but were nevertheless hopeful. He said: "Every one in Europe wants America to enter the arena of world settlement. Will she? Can she? Ought she? I still cannot answer. But what she can do she must find a way to do, for Europe is almost at the end of her rope."

The Cardinal announced the elevation of four members of the Boston diocese to the rank of Monsignor. They are Father Richard J. Neagle of the Church of the Immaculate Conception; the Rev. Dr. Richard J. Haberling, chancellor of the diocese; the Rev. Arthur Connolly of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament; and Dr. James F. McDonough, director of the propagation of the faith.

The original plan of the Cardinal to go to Washington to preside over the meeting of trustees of the Catholic University on Wednesday may not be carried out.

**ARCHBISHOP ASKS CHARITY.**

Preparatory to Catholic charities week, April 30 to May 6, Archbishop Hayes presided yesterday at a special vespers service in St. Patrick's Cathedral at which more than 5,000 Catholics from the diocese of New York were present. Every one of the 269 parishes was represented. The Archbishop made a plea for cooperation.

## \$1,000,000 DAMAGE IN LEEVEE BREAK

Six Thousand Acres of Sugar  
Cane Flooded by Overflow  
of Mississippi River.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—A break in the Mississippi River levees at Myrtle Grove, thirty miles south of New Orleans, to-day flooded more than 6,000 acres of sugar cane plantations, with an estimated damage of \$1,000,000. Every effort to close the breach has been unsuccessful, and the water at last reports was spreading over cultivated lands two miles above the break to a point three miles below.

Levee engineers after a conference to-day, decided to give up attempts to bar the gap and instead to "tie" the broken levee with tarpaulins in hopes of preventing further washing.

In addition to the loss to sugar cane growers, oyster and shrimp beds and the muskrat trapping industry, will suffer greatly by the inundation of fresh water.

Memphis, April 23.—Many plantations back of Rockfoot Levee, south of Hickman, Ky., are deserted to-night, following additional caving of the river bank outside the levee. The levee is still intact, but the sloughing off of the bank, throwing the current against the levee, caused many to move, taking their live stock and household goods with them.

At all other threatened points north of Vicksburg engineers report the situation well in hand. Practically the entire population of Hickman, Ky., are deserted to-night, working all day on the Rockfoot levee, which protects 75,000 acres of rich farming land.

The United States Engineer's office here to-night sent laborers and engineers to the threatened district and a carload of sandbags will be on the ground to-morrow morning. An entirely new levee is being built back of the caving area.

All along the Mississippi repair and topping work was rushed, with thousands of men and teams working in regular shifts. At Tumbler, Miss., where serious trouble was reported yesterday, a new levee constructed above the threatened section was reported to have deflected the current and lessened its damage.

**STILL BLOWUP KILLS WOMAN.**

Husband Will Face Homicide  
Charge When Burns Heat.

Mrs. Grutata Chichello, aged 29, of 5805 Eighth avenue, Brooklyn, died yesterday in Kings County Hospital from burns received Thursday when a still exploded in her home. Her husband, Antonio Chichello, 32, is in the hospital and will be arraigned on a charge of homicide when his burns heal.

The couple and their five children lived on the second floor of a two story house. The still, according to the police, was in the parlor.

**BOOTLEGGERS' FOE SLAIN.**

Policeman Shot and Killed by Un-  
identified Assassin.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., April 23.—Edward Stover, a policeman who has been active in running down bootleggers at Ellikand, Tioga county, was fatally shot early today by an unidentified man. He died six hours later.

Stover's assailant came upon him from the front and fired at point blank range. He then escaped.

**IN JAIL FOR RUM RUNNING.**

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
ATLANTIC CITY, April 23.—Francis Vignez, arrested yesterday with Eugene Raymond, Philadelphia attorney, charged with smuggling and transporting liquor, is still in jail here. Two trunks, holding 400 quarts of liquor, have been confiscated. Raymond is out on \$5,000 bail.

**STRANGE that a life  
work should be a thing  
so small! Yet here is a  
tiny human luxury which  
has tested to the utmost succeeding  
generations of skill and hereditary  
idealism—a small white thing which  
goes to all corners of the earth and  
links together all manner of men in  
a comradeship of connoisseurs!**

Multipled by millions, well may it be the life work not only of the man Melachrino, but of all those others who for forty-three years have kept the Melachrino Cigarette unchanged—inimitable—unique—wherever men enjoy the better things of life.

The peculiar softness and fragrance of Pure Turkish Cigarettes is due to the natural flavor of the Turkish Tobacco itself. Because it cannot be rough or unpleasant it does not require artificial flavoring to make it palatable—and our Turkish Cigarette differs only from another in the quality of the Turkish Tobacco used, for naturally the finer growths have a finer flavor.

So Melachrino Cigarettes owe their world wide distinction and preference to an unusual blending of the choicest Turkish leaves grown, a distinction shared by no other Cigarette.

**PASTORS RIDICULE  
DOYLE'S SPIRITISM**

'Fraud and Freud' Are Given  
by Rabbi Newman as Two  
Ingredients of Theor.

While Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is absent from the city on a lecture tour which will spread his doctrines of spiritualism in Boston, Washington and other cities, clergymen of various denominations continue to denounce his theories from the pulpit as opposed to the tenets of Christianity.

"Fraud and Freud" are given by Rabbi Louis I. Newman as the two substances of which spiritualism is made. A vigorous denial that the Bible teaches spiritualism also was made from the pulpit of St. James's Lutheran Church yesterday by its pastor, Dr. Junius B. Remensnyder.

"All the appearances from the outer world mentioned in the Bible," said Dr. Remensnyder, "are of God and the angels, but never of departed men and women. And these heavenly messengers bring no tidings from the beyond, but come to intervene in earthly events."

"The biblical condemnation of spiritualism is strong and decisive. The words of the Almighty are: 'Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards: the soul that turneth after such I will cast him off from among his people.' The Bible therefore positively affirms the unshakable conviction of the human mind that the dead cannot communicate with the other world and the secrets of eternal life are meant to be hidden from human eyes."

The exposure of Palladio by a group of psychologists a few years ago was recalled by Rabbi Newman in his sermon at Temple Israel yesterday calling upon "sensible American men and women" to repudiate the theories of Sir Oliver Lodge and Conan Doyle "and the brood of charlatans, mediums and conjurers who shelter themselves beneath the cloak of religion and science."